



City of Chicopee, Massachusetts

License Commission

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Minutes for May 18, 2023, meeting held in the City Council Chambers at 6:00 PM

In attendance: Chairman Martin, Commissioners Goulette, Jez and Pasternak.
Atty. Corridan was also present.

Public Input: none currently

Minutes are presented to the Board. Commissioner Jez makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Pasternak seconds. Motion approved 4-0.

Application for a Special One Day Permit (beer/wine) for the 3rd Annual Chicopee Pride Event sponsored by the Chicopee Culture Council to take place in Szot Park on Saturday June 10, 2023, from 8:00 AM until 9:00 PM with Deb Sutherland as applicant. The Commissioners review the proposed layout. There will be a separate beer garden that will be enclosed and monitored. It will be run by The Beer Guy, Dave Capriati. ID's will be verified by staff. There will be 6 police details at the event and security/staff/ volunteers from the Cultural Council will be present. There is a parade, and a DJ will also be there. There will be food vendors along with craft/goods vendors. Commissioner Jez makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Pasternak seconds. Motion approved 4-0.

Application for a Special Event Permit for the Center Fresh Farmers Market, 31 Springfield St to be held on Thursdays from June 1, 2023, through October 26, 2023, from 1:00 PM until 6:00 PM with Melissa Breor as the applicant. The Commissioners review the application. The market will take place in front of the old library. There will be live entertainment, food vendors and craft/goods vendors. Commissioner Jez makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Pasternak seconds. Motion approved 4-0.

Hearing for Eagles-In attendance: Michelle Gelinis. Chairman Martin reads the alleged violations: Count1-Violation of Chicopee Rules and Regulations1.18 Management d. The licensee shall not change managers, change corporate officers, sell or transfer corporate stock, pledge corporate stock or liquor license as security, or accept a loan or credit from another licensee, without first obtaining the approval of the Chicopee License Commission. No person may have a direct or indirect beneficial interest in a license without first obtaining the approval of the Chicopee License Commission. Failure to submit a completed Change of Officers/Directors application for licenses 0220-CL-00044; Count 2- Failure to submit ABCC Club Report- Dismissed.

Ms. Gelinis informs the Board that she received the notice to appear on this day. She had not been able to access the accounts from the department of revenue and unemployment. Their accountant has been working on those issues. There was a rough transition from the past officers and directors. They are starting from scratch, and it has taken a long time to get things straightened out. Ms. Taillefer states this has been an ongoing process for the past year and a half. Ms. Gelinis confirms there have not been any changes to the application that was submitted. The accountant they work with is on vacation until June. She does have a scheduled appointment at the end of June. Chairman Martin closes the hearing for deliberations. Commissioner Jez makes a motion on Count 1 there is a

finding of violation. Commissioner Pasternak seconds. Motion approved 4-0. Commissioner Jez makes a motion that a warning be placed on file and the missing paperwork must be submitted by June 30,2023. Commissioner Goulette seconds. Motion approved 4-0. This concludes the hearing.

Hearing for The J & W Banquet Hall- Postponed

Application for a Mobile Common Victualer license for SNKC Food Vending (renewal)
Jez makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Pasternak seconds. Motion approved 4-0.

Application for a Mobile Common Victualer license for The Elixir (new)
Jez makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Pasternak seconds. Motion approved 4-0.

Application for a Mobile Common Victualer license for Cream of the Crop Ice Cream (new)
Jez makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Pasternak seconds. Motion approved 4-0.

Application for a Mobile Common Victualer license for Island Spice Food Truck (renewal)
Jez makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Pasternak seconds. Motion approved 4-0.

Application for a Mobile Common Victualer license for Crazy Arepas (new)
Jez makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Pasternak seconds. Motion approved 4-0.

Application for a Common Victualer license for Chicopee Street Market, 959 Chicopee St (new) Jez makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Pasternak seconds.
Motion approved 4-0.

Filing fees are read by Commissioner Jez

Review of Police reports: None currently

ABCC approvals- None currently

Correspondence - Update on the Lucky Strike parking lot. Mr. Dugre has informed the office that a chain has been installed in the parking lot. It is closed every night when the restaurant closes. There have not been any problems that he is aware of. Also, a neighbor on the street confirmed that the chain has been installed and there have not been any issues.

Commissioners discuss the hearing procedures that have been implemented. Moving forward, they will be requesting all witnesses or participants be summoned for hearings. Also requesting any video evidence if it is available.